

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

April 2, 2025

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- against -

JOEL VARGAS-ESCOBAR,
also known as “Momia,”

Defendant.

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
LONG ISLAND OFFICE
REMOVAL TO THE
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

(Fed. R. Crim. P. 5)

Case No.: 2:25-MJ-00117 (JMW)

EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, SS:

CRAIG MATTEO, being duly sworn, deposes and states that he is a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”), duly appointed according to law and acting as such.

On or about February 25, 2025, an arrest warrant was issued in the District of Nevada for the defendant JOEL VARGAS-ESCOBAR, on a superseding indictment, under docket number 19-CR-103 (S-3)(GMC), in which the defendant was charged with racketeering conspiracy, in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 1962(d); murder in aid of racketeering, in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 1959(a)(1); kidnapping in aid of racketeering, in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 1959(a)(1); attempted murder in aid of racketeering, in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 1959(a)(5); use/carry of a firearm during a crime of violence, in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A); and causing death through the use of a firearm, in violation 18 United States Code, Section 924(j).

The source of your deponent's information and the grounds for his belief are as follows:


1. On February 25, 2025, a grand jury sitting in the District of Nevada returned a third superseding indictment (the "Indictment"), captioned United States v. Reyes-Castillo, et al., 25-CR-622 (the "Indictment"). The 34-count Indictment charges four members of La Mara Salvatrucha, also known as the MS-13, including the defendant JOEL VARGAS-ESCOBAR, with racketeering conspiracy, in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 1962(d); murder in aid of racketeering, in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 1959(a)(1); kidnapping in aid of racketeering, in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 1959(a)(1); attempted murder in aid of racketeering, in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 1959(a)(5); use/carry of a firearm during a crime of violence, in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A); and causing death through the use of a firearm, in violation 18 United States Code, Section 924(j), in connection with, inter alia, eleven murders, an attempted murder, multiple kidnappings and related firearms charges. A copy of the Indictment is attached as Exhibit A.

2. On February 25, 2025, a sealed arrest warrant was issued for the defendant in the District of Nevada in connection with the filing of the Indictment. A copy of the arrest warrant is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

3. The identity of the defendant JOEL VARGAS-ESCOBAR was confirmed when he was arrested on April 1, 2025, in Westbury, New York, through various sources. Specifically, agents identified the defendant based on their review of the Interp[ol Red Notice for the defendant, which had several photographs of the defendant, as well as his

fingerprints. Furthermore, the defendant acknowledged to the agents that he was JOEL VARGAS-ESCOBAR. The identify was further confirmed by a review of the defendant's passport, which was recovered at the time of his arrest. Finally, the fingerprints taken of the defendant during arrest processing matched the fingerprints on the aforementioned Red Notice.

WHEREFORE, your deponent respectfully requests that defendant JOEL VARGAS-ESCOBAR be dealt with according to law.


CRAIG MATTEO
Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

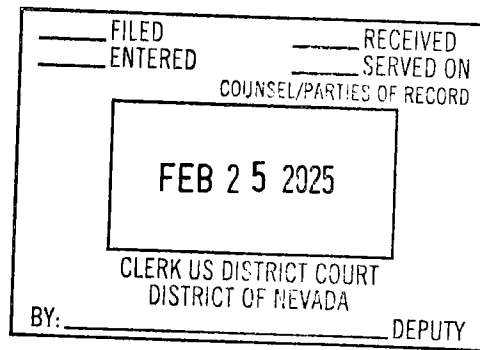
Sworn to before me this
2nd day of April, 2025



THE HONORABLE JAMES M. WICKS
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK



EXHIBIT A



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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

 Plaintiff,

vs.

JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO,
 a/k/a "Molesto,"
 DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME,
 a/k/a "Walter Melendez,"
 a/k/a "Herbi," a/k/a "Catracho"
 JOEL VARGAS-ESCOBAR,
 a/k/a "Momia," and
 ALEXANDER DE JESUS FIGUEROA-
 TORRES,

 Defendants.

**THIRD SUPERSEDING CRIMINAL
 INDICTMENT**

Case No.: 2:19-cr-00103-GMN-MDC

VIOLATIONS:

18 U.S.C. § 1962(d) – RICO Conspiracy;
 18 U.S.C. § 1959(a)(1) – Murder In Aid of
 Racketeering;
 18 U.S.C. § 1959(a)(1) – Kidnapping In
 Aid of Racketeering;
 18 U.S.C. § 1959(a)(5) – Attempted
 Murder In Aid of Racketeering;
 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A) – Use/Carry of
 a Firearm During Crime of Violence;
 18 U.S.C. § 924(j) – Causing Death
 Through the Use of a Firearm; and
 18 U.S.C. § 2 – Aiding and Abetting

COUNT ONE
(Racketeer Influenced Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Conspiracy)

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:

THE ENTERPRISE

1. At all times relevant to this Third Superseding Indictment,

**JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO, a/k/a “Molesto,”
DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME, a/k/a “Walter Melendez,”
a/k/a “Herbi,” a/k/a “Catracho”
JOEL VARGAS-ESCOBAR, a/k/a “Momia,” and
ALEXANDER DE JESUS FIGUEROA-TORRES,**

defendants herein, and other persons known and unknown to the Grand Jury, were members and associates of the La Mara Salvatrucha street gang operating in and around Las Vegas, Nevada, otherwise known and hereinafter referred to as MS-13. MS-13, including its leaders, members, and associates, constituted an “enterprise,” as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1961(4), namely, a group of individuals associated in fact, although not a legal entity, which enterprise was engaged in, and the activities of which affected, interstate and foreign commerce. This enterprise constituted an ongoing organization whose members functioned as a continuing unit for a common purpose of achieving the objectives of the enterprise.

2. At all times relevant to this Third Superseding Indictment, MS-13 operated within the District of Nevada and elsewhere.

3. MS-13 was formed in Los Angeles, California in the mid-1980s by immigrants or descendants of immigrants from El Salvador. “Mara” is a term used in El Salvador for “gang.” “Salva” refers to El Salvador. While MS-13 originated in Los Angeles, over the years, MS-13 spread as its members traveled to other locations in the United States, including Las Vegas, Nevada, and elsewhere. Additionally, many MS-13 members were deported to El Salvador, where a strong gang

1 presence developed. As a result, MS-13 operated as a national and international criminal
2 organization with more than ten thousand members regularly conducting gang activities in at least
3 ten states and Washington, D.C., and with thousands more conducting gang activities in Central
4 America and Mexico. MS-13 actively recruited members, including juveniles, from communities
5 with a large number of Salvadoran immigrants.

6 4. MS-13 was largely composed of persons from Central America, including El
7 Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala. Although each MS-13 locale had a common origin, MS-13
8 in Las Vegas operated in different ways from fellow gang members in El Salvador, Honduras, and
9 Guatemala, and the other states within the United States.

10 **Structure of the Enterprise**

11 5. MS-13 was organized by subsets known as “cliques” including, but not limited to,
12 “Parkview,” “Hollywood,” and “Fulton.” Each clique typically had one or more leaders,
13 commonly referred to as “shot callers.”

14 6. In Nevada and California, the Parkview clique of MS-13 operated in the following
15 separate geographical sectors: Las Vegas, Nevada sector; Mendota, California sector; and Los
16 Angeles, California sector. Each sector typically had one or more leaders, who were responsible
17 for, among other things, managing the narcotics trafficking operation in the sector’s territory,
18 collecting money from clique members to finance gang activities and crimes, directing day-to-day
19 management of the sector, recruiting new members, enforcing MS-13 rules and codes of conduct,
20 ordering and planning acts of violence against suspected rival gang members, and representing their
21 respective sectors in general clique coordination meetings.

22 7. The organizational hierarchy of the Parkview MS-13 clique in Nevada and California
23 was comprised of the following ranks in ascending order of importance: “Paro,” “Observación,”
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1 “Chequeo,” “Homeboy,” and “Palabrero.” “Paro” is the lowest rank and refers to a member who
2 did favors for the gang and contributed money to further gang activities. “Observación” is above
3 “Paro” and describes a member who was trusted to serve as a bodyguard and lookout for the gang
4 and its leaders. Above “Observación,” “Chequeo” is a member who has demonstrated loyalty to
5 the gang, often times having killed rival gang members. Above “Chequeo,” “Homeboy” is a fully
6 initiated gang member who has undergone a “jumping in” ceremony. This ritual ceremony involves
7 passing a “beating test” in which the prospective MS-13 member must survive a group of existing
8 MS-13 “Homeboys” beating and kicking him for 13 seconds. A prospective MS-13 member
9 ordinarily has to participate in the murder of rival gang members in order to be eligible to become a
10 “Homeboy.” Once jumped in, an MS-13 member is expected to participate fully in MS-13’s criminal
11 activities. Above “Homeboy,” “Palabrero” is a leader or “shot caller” of the clique who makes
12 ultimate decisions on all gang matters affecting the clique. In some instances, an MS-13 member
13 may be promoted to higher rank by skipping an intermediate rank based on the member’s proven
14 record of committing violence on behalf of the gang.

15 8. At all times relevant to this Third Superseding Indictment, defendants **JOSE LUIS**
16 **REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO, DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME, JOEL**
17 **VARGAS-ESCOBAR,** and **ALEXANDER DE JESUS FIGUEROA-TORRES** were members
18 of MS-13 and held various ranks in MS-13.

19 9. MS-13 members met on a regular basis to, among other things, report on acts of
20 violence committed by their members with the goal of inciting and encouraging further violence.
21 MS-13 leaders within a clique would meet to discuss gang rules and gang business, to coordinate
22 criminal activities, to resolve problems or issues among gang members of different cliques, and to
23 unite gang members from across geographic sectors controlled by the clique.
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1 10. MS-13 members sometimes signified their membership with tattoos reading “Mara
2 Salvatrucha,” “MS,” “MS-13,” or other variations of the gang’s name. MS-13 members typically
3 referred to other members by their monikers, or nicknames, and often did not know fellow gang
4 members’ legal names. MS-13 members also signified their membership to each other and to rival
5 gang members through the use of hand signs.

6 11. MS-13 had a self-imposed code of conduct, which was imposed and enforced to
7 maintain compliance among its members. MS-13 enforced its rules and promoted discipline among
8 its members by threatening and committing acts of violence against members who broke the rules.
9 For example, a MS-13 member who has broken the rules of the gang may be subjected to a beating
10 for 13 seconds by several fellow MS-13 members.

11 12. MS-13 had zero tolerance for members and associates who cooperated with law
12 enforcement. Once MS-13 had evidence that someone has cooperated with law enforcement, MS-
13 13 targeted that person for death where the person who was allegedly or actually cooperating with
14 law enforcement was to be killed on sight.

15 13. MS-13 members engaged in, among other things, numerous acts of violence and other
16 crimes, including, but not limited to, acts involving murder; assault; kidnapping; robbery; narcotics
17 trafficking; possessing firearms while prohibited from doing so; breaking into houses and stealing
18 firearms, jewelry, cash, and other items of value; and selling stolen goods and fraudulent
19 identification cards and documents.

20 14. MS-13 cliques collected money from its members for the benefit of, and to be provided
21 to, families of deceased clique members in El Salvador as well as incarcerated members. MS-13
22 also collected money from its members and used money derived from the sale of narcotics, stolen
23 goods, fraudulent identification cards and documents, and other crimes to carry on gang activities.

15. MS-13 gang members routinely communicated about gang activities with gang members in other states and countries using cellular telephones and social media applications via the Internet. MS-13 members also used interstate and international money wire transfers to conduct and promote gang activities.

16. MS-13 regularly engaged in acts of violence against innocent citizens and rival gang members. Participation in criminal activity by an MS-13 member, particularly violent acts directed at rival gangs or as directed by the gang leadership, increased the respect accorded to that member, resulted in that member maintaining or increasing his position in the gang, and could result in a promotion to a higher rank in the organizational hierarchy. Additionally, commission of violent acts by MS-13 members enhanced the gang's overall reputation for violence in the community, resulting in the intimidation of citizens and witnesses in MS-13's territory.

Purposes of the Enterprise

17. At all times relevant to this Third Superseding Indictment, the purposes of the MS-13 enterprise included, but were not limited to, the following:

a. Preserving, promoting, and protecting the power, territory, and profits of the enterprise through the use of intimidation and violence, including, but not limited to, acts involving murder, assault, kidnapping, burglary, robbery, and threats of violence;

b. Enriching members and associates of the enterprise through criminal activities, including, but not limited to, robbery; breaking into houses and stealing firearms, jewelry, cash, and other items of value; and selling narcotics, stolen goods, and fraudulent identification cards and documents:

c. Increasing MS-13's control and authority over its territory through threats, intimidation, and acts of violence committed against rival gangs;

- 1 d. Promoting and enhancing the enterprise and its members' and associates'
2 activities;
- 3 e. Keeping victims and potential victims in fear of the enterprise and in fear of
4 its members and associates, through violence and threats of violence;
- 5 f. Providing financial support and information to the gang and gang members,
6 including the families of deceased gang members; and
- 7 g. Providing assistance to other gang members who committed crimes for and
8 on behalf of the gang in order to hinder, obstruct, and prevent law enforcement officers from
9 identifying the offender, apprehending the offender, and trying and punishing the offender.

10 **Manner and Means of the Enterprise**

11 18. Among the manner and means whereby members and associates of the MS-13
12 enterprise conducted and participated in the conduct of the affairs of the MS-13 enterprise were the
13 following:

- 14 a. To protect and expand the enterprise's power and territory, members and
15 associates of the MS-13 enterprise conspired to commit, attempted, and committed, acts of violence,
16 including murder, assault with dangerous weapons, and kidnapping directed against rival gang
17 members and/or members and associates of the enterprise who have violated the rules of the
18 enterprise and/or civilians not involved in gang activities;
- 19 b. In the course of carrying out the criminal activities of the enterprise, members
20 and associates of the MS-13 enterprise carried, and used dangerous weapons, including firearms,
21 machetes, and knives;
- 22 c. To increase the enterprise's control and authority over its territory, members
23 and associates of the MS-13 enterprise promoted a climate of fear in the community through
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1 violence and threats of violence;

2 d. To generate income for the enterprise, members and associates of the MS-13
3 enterprise participated in narcotics trafficking, including the sale and purchase of controlled
4 substances; robbery; breaking into houses and stealing firearms, jewelry, cash, and other items of
5 value; and selling stolen goods and fraudulent identification cards and documents;

6 e. To promote the enterprise, members and associates of the MS-13 enterprise
7 frequently engaged in the aforementioned criminal activity in the presence of other MS-13 gang
8 members in order to enhance the status within MS-13 of those affirmatively conducting criminal
9 acts;

10 f. To ensure the success of the enterprise's criminal activities, members and
11 associates of the MS-13 enterprise met with other MS-13 clique members and leaders in other
12 geographical sectors to coordinate criminal ventures, obtained supplies of controlled substances,
13 pooled and shared monetary funds to promote gang activities, and moved firearms used in murders
14 in Las Vegas to other sectors in California; and

15 g. To perpetuate the enterprise, members and associates of the MS-13 enterprise
16 used various techniques to avoid law enforcement detection, such as hiding firearms and other
17 weapons, destroying or hiding evidence of murders, and changing phones.

18 THE RACKETEERING CONSPIRACY

19 19. Beginning on a date unknown to the Grand Jury, and continuing up through and
20 including the date of the filing of this Third Superseding Indictment, within the District of Nevada
21 and elsewhere, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO, DAVID ARTURO**
22 **PEREZ-MANCHAME, JOEL VARGAS-ESCOBAR, and ALEXANDER DE JESUS**
23 **FIGUEROA-TORRES**, and other persons known and unknown to the Grand Jury, each being a
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1 person employed by and associated with MS-13, as described more fully in paragraphs 1-18 above,
 2 an enterprise which was engaged in, and the activities of which affected, interstate and foreign
 3 commerce, did knowingly and intentionally conspire to conduct and participate, directly and
 4 indirectly, in the conduct of the affairs of the MS-13 enterprise through a pattern of racketeering
 5 activity, as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1961(1) and 1961(5), as set forth in
 6 paragraphs 20-21 below..

7 **Pattern of Racketeering Activity**

8 20. The pattern of racketeering activity, as defined in Title 18, United States Code,
 9 Sections 1961(1) and 1961(5), through which defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-**
 10 **CASTILLO, DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME, JOEL VARGAS-ESCOBAR,**
 11 **ALEXANDER DE JESUS FIGUEROA-TORRES**, and their co-conspirators agreed to conduct
 12 and participate in the conduct of the affairs of the MS-13 enterprise, consisted of:

13 A. multiple acts involving:

- 14 1. Murder, chargeable under Nevada Revised Statutes, Sections
 15 200.010, 200.030, 193.330, 195.020, 199.480, 199.490;
- 16 2. Murder, chargeable under California Penal Code Sections 21a, 31,
 17 182, 187, 189, and 664;
- 18 3. Kidnapping, chargeable under Nevada Revised Statutes, Sections
 19 200.310, 193.330, 195.020, 199.480, 199.490; and
- 20 4. Kidnapping, chargeable under California Penal Code Sections 21a,
 21 31, 182, 207, and 664;
- 22 5. Robbery, chargeable under Nevada Revised Statutes, Sections
 23 200.380, 193.330, 195.020, 199.480, 199.490;

B. multiple acts indictable under

1. Title 18, United States Code, Section 1028 (relating to fraud and related activity in connection with identification documents); and
2. Title 18, United States Code, Section 1512 (relating to tampering with a witness, victim, or an informant);
3. Title 18, United States Code, Section 1513 (relating to retaliating against a witness, victim, or an informant); and

C. multiple offenses involving the possession with intent to distribute and distribution of controlled substances, including marijuana and methamphetamine, in violation of the laws of the United States, namely, Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841 and 846.

21. It was part of the conspiracy that defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO, DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME, JOEL VARGAS-ESCOBAR, and ALEXANDER DE JESUS FIGUEROA-TORRES** each agreed that a co-conspirator would commit at least two acts of racketeering activity in the conduct of the affairs of the enterprise.

Overt Acts

22. In furtherance of the racketeering conspiracy, and to accomplish the object of the racketeering conspiracy, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO, DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME, JOEL VARGAS-ESCOBAR, ALEXANDER DE JESUS FIGUEROA-TORRES**, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, committed and caused to be committed various overt acts, within the District of Nevada, and elsewhere, including, but not limited to, the following:

1 1. Beginning on a date unknown, and continuing through to on or about March
2, 2018, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO, DAVID ARTURO**
3 **PEREZ-MANCHAME, JOEL VARGAS-ESCOBAR, ALEXANDER DE JESUS**
4 **FIGUEROA-TORRES**, and other MS-13 members distributed, and possessed with intent to
5 distribute, marijuana and methamphetamine.

6 2. Beginning on a date unknown, and continuing through to on or about March
7 2, 2018, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO, DAVID ARTURO**
8 **PEREZ-MANCHAME, ALEXANDER DE JESUS FIGUEROA-TORRES**, and other MS-13
9 members broke into numerous houses and stole jewelry, cash, guns, rifles, and other items of
10 value.

11 3. Beginning on a date unknown, and continuing through to on or about March
12 2, 2018, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO, DAVID ARTURO**
13 **PEREZ-MANCHAME, ALEXANDER DE JESUS FIGUEROA-TORRES**, and other MS-13
14 members possessed, produced, and transferred fraudulent identification documents.

15 4. On or about March 3, 2017, defendants **JOEL VARGAS-ESCOBAR** and
16 **ALEXANDER DE JESUS FIGUEROA-TORRES** and other MS-13 members shot and killed
17 Daniel Clark.

18 5. On or about December 18, 2017, **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-**
19 **CASTILLO**, along with other MS-13 members, kidnapped and killed Abel Rodriguez by stabbing
20 him to death.

21 6. On or about December 31, 2017, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO**
22 **REYES-CASTILLO** and **JOEL VARGAS-ESCOBAR**, along with another MS-13 member, met
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1 with other MS-13 members to discuss gang business and coordinate criminal activities in or near
2 Santa Monica, California.

3 7. On or about December 31, 2017, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO**
4 **REYES-CASTILLO** and **JOEL VARGAS-ESCOBAR** and another MS-13 member shot and
5 killed Richard Gaudio.

6 8. On or about January 9, 2018, defendant **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-**
7 **CASTILLO** and other MS-13 members kidnapped and killed Carlos Pachaca-Rodriguez by
8 shooting and stabbing him to death.

9 9. On or about January 21, 2018, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO**
10 **REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME** and other MS-13 members
11 kidnapped and killed Arquimidez Sandoval-Martinez by shooting and stabbing him to death.

12 10. On or about January 21, 2018, MS-13 members attempted to kill a group of
13 individuals suspected of being rival gang members near a 7-Eleven store at Sahara Avenue and
14 Arville Street in Las Vegas, Nevada.

15 11. On or about January 31, 2018, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO**
16 **REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME** and other MS-13 members
17 broke into a vacant house and stole cash, jewelry, guns, and other items of value.

18 12. On or about February 1, 2018, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO**
19 **REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME** and other MS-13 members
20 attempted to shoot and kill a suspected rival gang member.

1 13. On or about February 2, 2018, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO**
2 **REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME** and another MS-13
3 member shot and killed Juan Carlos Estrada-Raya.

4 14. On or about February 6, 2018, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO**
5 **REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME** and other MS-13 members
6 shot and killed Jose Hernandez-Cedillo.

7 15. On or about February 6, 2018, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO**
8 **REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME** and other MS-13 members
9 shot and killed Ricardo Olivas-Mendoza.

10 16. On or about February 6, 2018, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO**
11 **REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME** and other MS-13 members
12 attempted to kill J.C. by shooting and wounding him.

13 17. On an unknown date after on or about February 6, 2018, defendants **JOSE**
14 **LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME** and
15 other MS-13 gang members traveled from Las Vegas, Nevada to Los Angeles, California to meet
16 with other MS-13 members, transfer a gun from MS-13 members in Las Vegas to MS-13 members
17 in Los Angeles, and obtain a quantity of marijuana and methamphetamine intended for sale in
18 Las Vegas.

19 18. On or about February 9, 2018, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO**
20 **REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME** and other MS-13 members
21 kidnapped and killed Izaak Towery by stabbing him to death.
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1 19. In or around February 2018, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-**
2 **CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME** and other MS-13 members traveled
3 from Las Vegas, Nevada to Mendota, California to meet with other MS-13 members to discuss
4 and coordinate gang activities, transfer a gun from MS-13 members in Las Vegas to MS-13
5 members in Mendota, and conduct a “jumping in” ceremony for an MS-13 member.

6 20. In or around February 2018, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-**
7 **CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME** and other MS-13 members
8 kidnapped Rony Pashaca-Fuentes and shot him to death.

9 21. Between in or around February 2018 and in or around March 2018,
10 defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-**
11 **MANCHAME** and other MS-13 members attempted to kidnap and kill an individual from
12 Honduras suspected of being a rival gang member.

13 22. Between in or around February 2018 and in or around March 2018,
14 defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-**
15 **MANCHAME** and other MS-13 members discussed a plan to shoot at an individual suspected of
16 being a rival gang member who worked at a granite company.

17 23. Between in or around January 2018 and in or around March 2018, an MS-13
18 member robbed an Elvis impersonator at gunpoint and stole money from the victim.

19 24. On or about March 1, 2018, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-**
20 **CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME** and another MS-13 member
21 kidnapped and killed Earl Ryan by stabbing him to death.
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25. Between in or around January 2021 and in or around May 2021, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME** communicated threats to a potential witness that they would harm the witness's family if the witness cooperated with law enforcement.

26. On or about September 15, 2022, defendant **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO**, and other MS-13 members, attacked and stabbed victim A.N.G. at the Nevada Southern Detention Center.

27. On or about October 5, 2023, defendant **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** possessed contraband, specifically two sharp blades that were found in the defendant's sandals and a note that contained MS-13 related business that was found in the defendant's anus.

28. On or about January 9, 2025, defendant **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** possessed contraband, specifically two sharp blades that were found in the defendant's toothpaste container.

SPECIAL SENTENCING FACTORS

Number 1: Murder of Daniel Clark

On or about March 3, 2017, in the District of Nevada, defendants **JOEL VARGAS-ESCOBAR** and **ALEXANDER DE JESUS FIGUEROA-TORRES**, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did unlawfully, willfully, deliberately, with malice aforethought, and with premeditation kill and did aid in the killing of, another, to wit: Daniel Clark, in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes, Sections 200.010, 200.030(1) and (2), and 195.020.

Number 2: Murder of Abel Rodriguez

On or about December 18, 2017, in the Eastern District of California, defendant **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO**, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did unlawfully, willfully, deliberately, with malice aforethought, and with premeditation, kill and did aid in the killing of, another, to wit Abel Rodriguez, in violation of California Penal Code Sections 31, 187, 188, and 189.

Number 3: Murder of Richard Gaudio

On or about December 31, 2017, in the District of Nevada, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** and **JOEL VARGAS-ESCOBAR**, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did unlawfully, willfully, deliberately, with malice aforethought, and with premeditation kill and did aid in the killing of, another, to wit: Richard Gaudio, in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes , Sections 200.010, 200.030(1) and (2), and 195.020.

Number 4: Murder of Carlos Pachaca-Rodriguez

On or about January 9, 2018, in the District of Nevada, defendant **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO**, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did unlawfully, willfully, deliberately, with malice aforethought, and with premeditation kill and did aid in the killing of, another, to wit: Carlos Pachaca-Rodriguez, in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes , Sections 200.010, 200.030(1) and (2), and 195.020.

Number 5: Murder of Arquimidez Sandoval-Martinez

On or about January 21, 2018, in the District of Nevada, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME**, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did unlawfully, willfully, deliberately, with malice aforethought, and with premeditation kill and did aid in the killing of, another, to wit: Arquimidez

1 Sandoval-Martinez, in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes , Sections 200.010, 200.030(1) and
2 (2), and 195.020.

3 **Number 6: Murder of Juan Carlos Estrada-Raya**

4 On or about February 2, 2018, in the District of Nevada, defendants **JOSE LUIS**
5 **REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME**, and others
6 known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did unlawfully, willfully, deliberately, with malice
7 aforethought, and with premeditation kill and did aid in the killing of, another, to wit: Juan Carlos
8 Estrada-Raya, in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes , Sections 200.010, 200.030(1) and (2), and
9 195.020.

10 **Number 7: Murder of Jose Hernandez-Cedillo**

11 On or about February 6, 2018, in the District of Nevada, defendants **JOSE LUIS**
12 **REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME**, and others
13 known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did unlawfully, willfully, deliberately, with malice
14 aforethought, and with premeditation kill and did aid in the killing of, another, to wit: Jose
15 Hernandez-Cedillo, in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes , Sections 200.010, 200.030(1) and
16 (2), and 195.020.

17 **Number 8: Murder of Ricardo Olivas-Mendoza**

18 On or about February 6, 2018, in the District of Nevada, defendants **JOSE LUIS**
19 **REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME**, and others
20 known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did unlawfully, willfully, deliberately, with malice
21 aforethought, and with premeditation kill and did aid in the killing of, another, to wit: Ricardo
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Olivas-Mendoza, in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes , Sections 200.010, 200.030(1) and (2), and 195.020.

Number 9: Murder of Izaak Towery

On or about February 9, 2018, in the District of Nevada, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME**, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did unlawfully, willfully, deliberately, with malice aforethought, and with premeditation kill and did aid in the killing of, another, to wit: Izaak Towery, in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes , Sections 200.010, 200.030(1) and (2), and 195.020.

Number 10: Murder of Rony Pashaca-Fuentes

In or around February 2018, in the District of Nevada, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME**, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did unlawfully, willfully, deliberately, with malice aforethought, and with premeditation kill and did aid in the killing of, another, to wit: Rony Pashaca-Fuentes, in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes , Sections 200.010, 200.030(1) and (2), and 195.020.

Number 11: Murder of Earl Ryan

On or about March 1, 2018, in the District of Nevada, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME**, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did unlawfully, willfully, deliberately, with malice aforethought, and with premeditation kill and did aid in the killing of, another, to wit: Earl Ryan, in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes , Sections 200.010, 200.030(1) and (2), and 195.020.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1962(d).

COUNT TWO
(Murder in Aid of Racketeering)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

1. At all times relevant to this Third Superseding Indictment, MS-13, as more fully described in Paragraphs One through Eighteen of Count One of this Superseding Indictment, which are re-alleged and incorporated by reference as though set forth fully herein, including its leaders, members, and associates, constituted an enterprise as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1959(b)(2), namely, a group of individuals associated in fact that engaged in, and the activities of which affected, interstate and foreign commerce. The enterprise constituted an ongoing organization whose members functioned as a continuing unit for a common purpose of achieving the objectives of the enterprise.

2. At all times relevant to this Third Superseding Indictment, the above-described MS-13 enterprise, through its members and associates, engaged in racketeering activity as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1959(b)(1) and 1961(1), namely, (1) acts involving murder, in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes , Sections 200.010, 200.030, 193.330, 195.020, 199.480, and 199.490; kidnapping, in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes , Sections 200.310, 193.330, 195.020, 199.480, and 199.490; and robbery, in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes , Sections 200.380, 193.330, 195.020, 199.480, and 199.490; (2) acts indictable under Title 18, United States Code, Section 1028 (relating to fraud and related activity in connection with identification documents); and (3) offenses involving the possession with intent to distribute and distribution of controlled substances, including marijuana and methamphetamine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841 and 846.

1 3. On or about March 3, 2017, in the District of Nevada, for the purpose of gaining
2 entrance to and maintaining and increasing position in MS-13, an enterprise engaged in
3 racketeering activity, defendants **JOEL VARGAS-ESCOBAR** and **ALEXANDER DE JESUS**
4 **FIGUEROA-TORRES**, along with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, while aiding
5 and abetting each other, did knowingly and intentionally murder Daniel Clark, in violation of
6 Nevada Revised Statutes , Sections 200.010, 200.030(1) and (2), and 195.020.

7 In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1959(a)(1) and 2.
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COUNT THREE

(Using and Carrying of a Firearm During and in Relation to a Crime of Violence)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

On or about March 3, 2017, in the District of Nevada, defendants **JOEL VARGAS-ESCOBAR** and **ALEXANDER DE JESUS FIGUEROA-TORRES**, along with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, while aiding and abetting each other, did knowingly and intentionally use and carry a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence for which the defendants may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, to wit: Murder in Aid of Racketeering, as set forth in Count Two of this Third Superseding Indictment, and in the course of such offense, discharged a firearm.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c)(1)(A) and 2.

COUNT FOUR
(Causing Death Through the Use of a Firearm)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

On or about March 3, 2017, in the District of Nevada, defendants **JOEL VARGAS-ESCOBAR** and **ALEXANDER DE JESUS FIGUEROA-TORRES**, along with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, while aiding and abetting each other, in the course of a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A), as set forth in Count Three of this Third Superseding Indictment, did cause the death of Daniel Clark through the use of a firearm, which killing is a murder, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1111.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(j) and 2.

COUNT FIVE
(Murder in Aid of Racketeering)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

1. Paragraphs One and Two of Count Two of this Third Superseding Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

2. On or about December 31, 2017, in the District of Nevada, for the purpose of gaining entrance to and maintaining and increasing position in MS-13, an enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** and **JOEL VARGAS-ESCOBAR**, along with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, while aiding and abetting each other, did knowingly and intentionally murder Richard Gaudio, in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes , Sections 200.010, 200.030(1) and (2), and 195.020.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1959(a)(1) and 2.

COUNT SIX

(Using and Carrying of a Firearm During and in Relation to a Crime of Violence)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

On or about December 31, 2017, in the District of Nevada, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** and **JOEL VARGAS-ESCOBAR**, along with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, while aiding and abetting each other, did knowingly and intentionally use and carry a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence for which the defendants may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, to wit: Murder in Aid of Racketeering, as set forth in Count Five of this Third Superseding Indictment, and in the course of such offense, discharged a firearm.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c)(1)(A) and 2.

COUNT SEVEN
(Causing Death Through the Use of a Firearm)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

On or about December 31, 2017, in the District of Nevada, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** and **JOEL VARGAS-ESCOBAR**, along with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, while aiding and abetting each other, in the course of a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A), as set forth in Count Six of this Third Superseding Indictment, did cause the death of Richard Gaudio through the use of a firearm, which killing is a murder, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1111.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(j) and 2.

COUNT EIGHT
(Murder in Aid of Racketeering)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

1. Paragraphs One and Two of Count Two of this Third Superseding Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

2. On or about January 9, 2018, in the District of Nevada, for the purpose of gaining entrance to and maintaining and increasing position in MS-13, an enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, defendant **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO**, along with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, while aiding and abetting each other, did knowingly and intentionally murder Carlos Pachaca-Rodriguez, in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes , Sections 200.010, 200.030(1) and (2), and 195.020.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1959(a)(1) and 2.

COUNT NINE
(Kidnapping in Aid of Racketeering)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

1. Paragraphs One and Two of Count Two of this Third Superseding Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

2. On or about January 9, 2018, in the District of Nevada, for the purpose of gaining entrance to and maintaining and increasing position in MS-13, an enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, defendant **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO**, along with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, while aiding and abetting each other, did knowingly and intentionally kidnap Carlos Pachaca-Rodriguez, in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes , Sections 200.310 and 195.020.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1959(a)(1) and 2.

COUNT TEN

(Using and Carrying of a Firearm During and in Relation to a Crime of Violence)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

On or about January 9, 2018, in the District of Nevada, defendant **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO**, along with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, while aiding and abetting each other, did knowingly and intentionally use and carry a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence for which the defendant may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, to wit: Murder in Aid of Racketeering, as set forth in Count Eight of this Third Superseding Indictment, and in the course of such offense, discharged a firearm.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c)(1)(A) and 2.

COUNT ELEVEN
(Causing Death Through the Use of a Firearm)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

On or about January 9, 2018, in the District of Nevada, defendant **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO**, along with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, while aiding and abetting each other, in the course of a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A), as set forth in Count Ten of this Third Superseding Indictment, did cause the death of Carlos Pachaca-Rodriguez through the use of a firearm, which killing is a murder, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1111.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(j) and 2.

COUNT TWELVE
(Murder in Aid of Racketeering)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

1. Paragraphs One and Two of Count Two of this Third Superseding Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

2. On or about January 21, 2018, in the District of Nevada, for the purpose of gaining entrance to and maintaining and increasing position in MS-13, an enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME**, along with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, while aiding and abetting each other, did knowingly and intentionally murder Arquimidez Sandoval-Martinez, in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes , Sections 200.010, 200.030(1) and (2), and 195.020.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1959(a)(1) and 2.

COUNT THIRTEEN
(Kidnapping in Aid of Racketeering)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

1. Paragraphs One and Two of Count Two of this Third Superseding Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

2. On or about January 21, 2018, in the District of Nevada, for the purpose of gaining entrance to and maintaining and increasing position in MS-13, an enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME**, along with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, while aiding and abetting each other, did knowingly and intentionally kidnap Arquimidez Sandoval-Martinez, in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes , Sections 200.310 and 195.020.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1959(a)(1) and 2.

COUNT FOURTEEN

(Using and Carrying of a Firearm During and in Relation to a Crime of Violence)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

On or about January 21, 2018, in the District of Nevada, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME**, along with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, while aiding and abetting each other, did knowingly and intentionally use and carry a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence for which the defendants may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, to wit: Murder in Aid of Racketeering, as set forth in Count Twelve of this Third Superseding Indictment, and in the course of such offense, discharged a firearm.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c)(1)(A) and 2.

COUNT FIFTEEN
(Causing Death Through the Use of a Firearm)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

On or about January 21, 2018, in the District of Nevada, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME**, along with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, while aiding and abetting each other, in the course of a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A), as set forth in Count Fourteen of this Third Superseding Indictment, did cause the death of Arquimidez Sandoval-Martinez through the use of a firearm, which killing is a murder, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1111.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(j) and 2.

COUNT SIXTEEN
(Murder in Aid of Racketeering)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

1. Paragraphs One and Two of Count Two of this Third Superseding Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

2. On or about February 2, 2018, in the District of Nevada, for the purpose of gaining entrance to and maintaining and increasing position in MS-13, an enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME**, along with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, while aiding and abetting each other, did knowingly and intentionally murder Juan Carlos Estrada-Raya, in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes , Sections 200.010, 200.030(1) and (2), and 195.020.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1959(a)(1) and 2.

COUNT SEVENTEEN

(Using and Carrying of a Firearm During and in Relation to a Crime of Violence)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

On or about February 2, 2018, in the District of Nevada, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME**, along with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, while aiding and abetting each other, did knowingly and intentionally use and carry a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence for which the defendants may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, to wit: Murder in Aid of Racketeering, as set forth in Count Sixteen of this Third Superseding Indictment, and in the course of such offense, discharged a firearm.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c)(1)(A) and 2.

COUNT EIGHTEEN
(Causing Death Through the Use of a Firearm)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

On or about February 2, 2018, in the District of Nevada, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME**, along with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, while aiding and abetting each other, in the course of a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A), as set forth in Count Seventeen of this Third Superseding Indictment, did cause the death of Juan Carlos Estrada-Raya through the use of a firearm, which killing is a murder, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1111.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(j) and 2.

COUNT NINETEEN
(Murder in Aid of Racketeering)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

1. Paragraphs One and Two of Count Two of this Third Superseding Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

2. On or about February 6, 2018, in the District of Nevada, for the purpose of gaining entrance to and maintaining and increasing position in MS-13, an enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME**, along with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, while aiding and abetting each other, did knowingly and intentionally murder Jose Hernandez-Cedillo, in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes , Sections 200.010, 200.030(1) and (2), and 195.020.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1959(a)(1) and 2.

COUNT TWENTY

(Using and Carrying of a Firearm During and in Relation to a Crime of Violence)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

On or about February 6, 2018, in the District of Nevada, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME**, along with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, while aiding and abetting each other, did knowingly and intentionally use and carry a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence for which the defendants may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, to wit: Murder in Aid of Racketeering, as set forth in Count Nineteen of this Third Superseding Indictment, and in the course of such offense, discharged a firearm.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c)(1)(A) and 2.

COUNT TWENTY-ONE
(Causing Death Through the Use of a Firearm)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

On or about February 6, 2018, in the District of Nevada, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME**, along with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, while aiding and abetting each other, in the course of a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A), as set forth in Count Twenty of this Third Superseding Indictment, did cause the death of Jose Hernandez-Cedillo through the use of a firearm, which killing is a murder, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1111.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(j) and 2.

COUNT TWENTY-TWO
(Murder in Aid of Racketeering)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

1. Paragraphs One and Two of Count Two of this Third Superseding Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

2. On or about February 6, 2018, in the District of Nevada, for the purpose of gaining entrance to and maintaining and increasing position in MS-13, an enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME**, along with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, while aiding and abetting each other, did knowingly and intentionally murder Ricardo Olivas-Mendoza, in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes , Sections 200.010, 200.030(1) and (2), and 195.020.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1959(a)(1) and 2.

COUNT TWENTY-THREE
(Using and Carrying of a Firearm During and in Relation to a Crime of Violence)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

On or about February 6, 2018, in the District of Nevada, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME**, along with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, while aiding and abetting each other, did knowingly and intentionally use and carry a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence for which the defendants may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, to wit: Murder in Aid of Racketeering, as set forth in Count Twenty-Two of this Third Superseding Indictment, and in the course of such offense, discharged a firearm.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c)(1)(A) and 2.

COUNT TWENTY-FOUR
(Causing Death Through the Use of a Firearm)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

On or about February 6, 2018, in the District of Nevada, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME**, along with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, while aiding and abetting each other, in the course of a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A), as set forth in Count Twenty-Three of this Third Superseding Indictment, did cause the death of Ricardo Olivas-Mendoza through the use of a firearm, which killing is a murder, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1111.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(j) and 2.

COUNT TWENTY-FIVE
(Attempted Murder in Aid of Racketeering)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

1. Paragraphs One and Two of Count Two of this Third Superseding Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

2. On or about February 6, 2018, in the District of Nevada, for the purpose of gaining entrance to and maintaining and increasing position in MS-13, an enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME**, along with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, while aiding and abetting each other, did knowingly and intentionally attempt to murder J.C., in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes , Sections 200.010, 200.030(1) and (2), 193.330, 195.020.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1959(a)(5) and 2.

COUNT TWENTY-SIX
(Using and Carrying of a Firearm During and in Relation to a Crime of Violence)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

On or about February 6, 2018, in the District of Nevada, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME**, along with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, while aiding and abetting each other, did knowingly and intentionally use and carry a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence for which the defendants may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, to wit: Attempted Murder in Aid of Racketeering, as set forth in Count Twenty-Five of this Third Superseding Indictment, and in the course of such offense, discharged a firearm.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c)(1)(A) and 2.

COUNT TWENTY-SEVEN
(Murder in Aid of Racketeering)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

1. Paragraphs One and Two of Count Two of this Third Superseding Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

2. On or about February 9, 2018, in the District of Nevada, for the purpose of gaining entrance to and maintaining and increasing position in MS-13, an enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME**, along with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, while aiding and abetting each other, did knowingly and intentionally murder Izaak Towery, in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes , Sections 200.010, 200.030(1) and (2), and 195.020.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1959(a)(1) and 2.

COUNT TWENTY-EIGHT
(Kidnapping in Aid of Racketeering)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

1. Paragraphs One and Two of Count Two of this Third Superseding Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

2. On or about February 9, 2018, in the District of Nevada, for the purpose of gaining entrance to and maintaining and increasing position in MS-13, an enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME**, along with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, while aiding and abetting each other, did knowingly and intentionally kidnap Izaak Towery, in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes , Sections 200.310 and 195.020.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1959(a)(1) and 2.

COUNT TWENTY-NINE
(Murder in Aid of Racketeering)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

1. Paragraphs One and Two of Count Two of this Third Superseding Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

2. In or around February 2018, in the District of Nevada, for the purpose of gaining entrance to and maintaining and increasing position in MS-13, an enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME**, along with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, while aiding and abetting each other, did knowingly and intentionally murder Rony Pashaca-Fuentes, in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes , Sections 200.010, 200.030(1) and (2), and 195.020.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1959(a)(1) and 2.

COUNT THIRTY
(Kidnapping in Aid of Racketeering)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

1. Paragraphs One and Two of Count Two of this Third Superseding Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

2. In or around February 2018, in the District of Nevada, for the purpose of gaining entrance to and maintaining and increasing position in MS-13, an enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME**, along with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, while aiding and abetting each other, did knowingly and intentionally kidnap Rony Pashaca-Fuentes, in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes , Sections 200.310 and 195.020.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1959(a)(1) and 2.

COUNT THIRTY-ONE

(Using and Carrying of a Firearm During and in Relation to a Crime of Violence)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

In or around February 2018, in the District of Nevada, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME**, along with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, while aiding and abetting each other, did knowingly and intentionally use and carry a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence for which the defendants may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, to wit: Murder in Aid of Racketeering, as set forth in Count Twenty-Nine of this Third Superseding Indictment, and in the course of such offense, discharged a firearm.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c)(1)(A) and Section 2.

COUNT THIRTY-TWO
(Causing Death Through the Use of a Firearm)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

In or around February 2018, in the District of Nevada, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME**, along with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, while aiding and abetting each other, in the course of a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A), as set forth in Count Thirty-One of this Third Superseding Indictment, did cause the death of Rony Pashaca-Fuentes through the use of a firearm, which killing is a murder, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1111.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(j) and 2.

COUNT THIRTY-THREE
(Murder in Aid of Racketeering)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

1. Paragraphs One and Two of Count Two of this Third Superseding Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

2. On or about March 1, 2018, in the District of Nevada, for the purpose of gaining entrance to and maintaining and increasing position in MS-13, an enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME**, along with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, while aiding and abetting each other, did knowingly and intentionally murder Earl Ryan, in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes , Sections 200.010, 200.030(1) and (2), and 195.020.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1959(a)(1) and 2.

COUNT THIRTY-FOUR
(Kidnapping in Aid of Racketeering)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

1. Paragraphs One and Two of Count Two of this Third Superseding Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

2. On or about March 1, 2018, in the District of Nevada, for the purpose of gaining entrance to and maintaining and increasing position in MS-13, an enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, defendants **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** and **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME**, along with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, while aiding and abetting each other, did knowingly and intentionally kidnap Earl Ryan, in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes , Sections 200.310 and 195.020.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1959(a)(1) and 2.

SPECIAL FINDINGS FOR DEFENDANT JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO

1. The allegations set forth in Counts 1-34 are hereby realleged and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

2. During Counts 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 27, 29, 32, and 33, of this Third Superseding Indictment, defendant **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO**:

a. was at least 18 years of age or older at the time of the offenses, pursuant to 18

U.S.C. § 3591(a), and

b. intentionally participated in an act, contemplating that the life of a person would be taken or intending that lethal force would be used in connection with a person,

other than one of the participants in the offense, and victims Richard Gaudio,

Carlos Pachaca-Rodriguez, Arquimidez Sandoval-Martinez, Juan Carlos Estrada-

Raya, Jose Hernandez-Cedillo, Ricardo Olivas-Mendoza, Izaak Towery, Rony

Pashaca-Fuentes, and Earl Ryan died as a direct result of the acts, pursuant to 18

U.S.C. § 3591(a)(2)(C).

3. As to Counts 8, 11, 12, 15, 27, 29, 32, and 33, of this Third Superseding Indictment,

victims Carlos Pachaca-Rodriguez, Arquimidez Sandoval-Martinez, Izaak Towery, Rony

Pashaca-Fuentes, and Earl Ryan died during defendant **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO**

REYES-CASTILLO's commission or attempted commission of the offense of kidnapping

under 18 U.S.C. § 1201, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3592(c)(1).

4. As to Counts 5 and 7 of this Third Superseding Indictment, defendant **JOSE LUIS**

REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO, in the commission of the offense, knowingly created a

grave risk of death to one or more persons in addition to victim Richard Gaudio, pursuant

to 18 U.S.C. § 3592(c)(5).

5. As to Counts 19, 21, 22, and 24 of this Third Superseding Indictment, defendant **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO**, in the commission of the offenses, knowingly created a grave risk of death to one or more persons in addition to victims Jose Hernandez-Cedillo and Ricardo Olivas-Mendoza, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3592(c)(5).
6. As to Counts 8, 11, 12, 15, 27, and 33 of this Third Superseding Indictment, defendant **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** committed the offense in an especially heinous, cruel, or depraved manner in that it involved torture or serious physical abuse to the victims Carlos Pachaca-Rodriguez, Arquimidez Sandoval-Martinez, Izaak Towery, and Earl Ryan, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3592(c)(6).
7. As to Counts 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 27, 29, 32, and 33 of this Third Superseding Indictment, defendant **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** committed the offenses after substantial planning and premeditation to cause the deaths of victims Richard Gaudio, Carlos Pachaca-Rodriguez, Arquimidez Sandoval-Martinez, Juan Carlos Estrada-Raya, Jose Hernandez-Cedillo, Ricardo Olivas-Mendoza, Izaak Towery, Rony Pashaca-Fuentes, and Earl Ryan, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3592(c)(9).
8. As to Counts 19, 21, 22, and 24, of this Third Superseding Indictment, defendant **JOSE LUIS REYNALDO REYES-CASTILLO** killed or attempted to kill multiple people, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3592(c)(16).

SPECIAL FINDINGS FOR DEFENDANT DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME

1. The allegations set forth in Counts 1-34 are hereby realleged and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.
2. During Counts 12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 27, 29, 32, and 33 of this Third Superseding Indictment, defendant **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME**:

- a. was at least 18 years of age or older at the time of the offenses, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3591(a), and
 - b. intentionally participated in an act, contemplating that the life of a person would be taken or intending that lethal force would be used in connection with a person, other than one of the participants in the offense, and victims Arquimidez Sandoval-Martinez, Juan Carlos Estrada-Raya, Jose Hernandez-Cedillo, Ricardo Olivas-Mendoza, Izaak Towery, Rony Pashaca-Fuentes, and Earl Ryan died as a direct result of the acts, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3591(a)(2)(C).
3. As to Counts 12, 15, 27, 29, 32, and 33 of this Third Superseding Indictment, victims Arquimidez Sandoval-Martinez, Izaak Towery, Rony Pashaca-Fuentes, and Earl Ryan died during defendant **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME**'s commission or attempted commission of the offense of kidnapping under 18 U.S.C. § 1201, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3592(c)(1).
4. As to Counts 19, 21, 22, and 24 of this Third Superseding Indictment, defendant **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME**, in the commission of the offense, knowingly created a grave risk of death to one or more persons in addition to victims Jose Hernandez-Cedillo and Ricardo Olivas-Mendoza, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3592(c)(5).
5. As to Counts 12, 15, 27, and 33 of this Third Superseding Indictment, defendant **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME** committed the offense in an especially heinous, cruel, or depraved manner in that it involved torture or serious physical abuse to victims Arquimidez Sandoval-Martinez, Izaak Towery, and Earl Ryan, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3592(c)(6).

6. As to Counts 12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 27, 29, 32, and 33 of this Third Superseding Indictment, defendant **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME** committed the offenses after substantial planning and premeditation to cause the deaths of victims Arquimidez Sandoval-Martinez, Juan Carlos Estrada-Raya, Jose Hernandez-Cedillo, Ricardo Olivas-Mendoza, Izaak Towery, Rony Pashaca-Fuentes, and Earl Ryan, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3592(c)(9).
7. As to Counts 19, 21, 22, and 24 of this Third Superseding Indictment, defendant **DAVID ARTURO PEREZ-MANCHAME** killed or attempted to kill multiple people, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3592(c)(16).

DATED: this 25th day of February, 2025.

A TRUE BILL:

/S/

Foreperson of the Grand Jury

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EXHIBIT B

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the
District of Nevada

United States of America)

v.)

JOEL VARGAS-ESCOBAR)

Defendant)

Case No. 2:19-cr-00103-GMN-MDC

ARREST WARRANT

To: Any authorized law enforcement officer

YOU ARE COMMANDED to arrest and bring before a United States magistrate judge without unnecessary delay(name of person to be arrested) JOEL VARGAS-ESCOBAR,

who is accused of an offense or violation based on the following document filed with the court:

☐ Indictment ☒ Superseding Indictment ☐ Information ☐ Superseding Information ☐ Complaint
☐ Probation Violation Petition ☐ Supervised Release Violation Petition ☐ Violation Notice ☐ Order of the Court

This offense is briefly described as follows:

18 U.S.C. § 1962(d) ~ RICO Conspiracy
 18 U.S.C. § 1959(a)(1) ~ Murder In Aid of Racketeering
 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A) ~ Use/Carry of a Firearm During Crime of Violence
 18 U.S.C. § 924(j) ~ Causing Death Through the Use of a Firearm
 18 U.S.C. § 2 ~ Aiding and Abetting

Date: 2/25/2025 Las Vegas, NV

CLERK OF COURT

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra K. King".

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

Return

This warrant was received on (date) _____, and the person was arrested on (date) _____
 at (city and state) _____.

Date: _____

Arresting officer's signature

Printed name and title

**This second page contains personal identifiers provided for law-enforcement use only
and therefore should not be filed in court with the executed warrant unless under seal.**

(Not for Public Disclosure)

Name of defendant/offender: JOEL VARGAS-ESCOBAR

Known aliases: "Momia"

Last known residence: _____

Prior addresses to which defendant/offender may still have ties: _____

Last known employment: _____

Last known telephone numbers: _____

Place of birth: _____

Date of birth: _____

Social Security number: _____

Height: _____ Weight: _____

Sex: _____ Race: _____

Hair: _____ Eyes: _____

Scars, tattoos, other distinguishing marks: _____

History of violence, weapons, drug use: _____

Known family, friends, and other associates (name, relation, address, phone number): _____

FBI number: _____

Complete description of auto: _____

Investigative agency and address: _____

Name and telephone numbers (office and cell) of pretrial services or probation officer (if applicable): _____

Date of last contact with pretrial services or probation officer (if applicable): _____